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To the Committee:

This letter is submitted for the hearing on SB 1051 proposed by Secretary Merrill.

In our opinion this bill should not be passed.

We believe the system of two registrars should remain in place so as to provide bi-partisan efforts for voter registration and the conduct of elections. The changes in this proposed bill appear to address a limited number of situations where other remedies are or should be available.

In our opinion the following changes (which would require certain changes in the election statutes) would improve the outcome of the administration of elections.

Provide and allow card readers in every town, especially those municipalities with more than one district/poll. At present election results are copied by hand FROM printouts TO tally sheets TO a report which is faxed to the Secretary. There is already a system available (and successfully used in Massachusetts) that would compile multi-district election results and electronically transmitted the results to the Secretary's office. This technology has been available for many years, and it is far more efficient than the present system used in Connecticut.

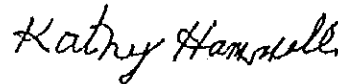
Legislation to remove and fine elected officials who show a sustained pattern of intentionally disenfranching voter registration, show sustained unprofessional conduct in the office, or significantly inhibit the conduct of fair elections.

Thank you for considering our positions.

Regards,



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